

Citizen Input Survey

Introduction: Thank you for taking the time to give your input for Talbot County=s planning process for solid waste and recycling. On or about December 2010, a new regional landfill will open in Caroline County and Talbot’s regional landfill is expected to close because its land area for burying trash is near full. This means that Talbot County must plan to transport its trash to the new regional landfill in Caroline County near the town of Ridgely. In addition, this change means that Talbot County must decide if the other operations, such as recycling, will be allowed to continue at the existing Mid Shore Regional Landfill in Talbot County.

Directions: Please fill this survey out after the presentation and return it before leaving. If you do not have an answer to a question, you can leave it blank and continue. Definitions that you might need to review for this survey are:

- \$ **solid waste** means trash going into the dumping facility for disposal or burial;
- \$ **household trash** means trash from a private residence which does not include separated recycling materials;
- \$ **recycling materials or recyclables** mean material intended for re-use which are generally separated;
- \$ **transfer station** means a place where trash only can be stockpiled and moved to a regional landfill;
- \$ **homeowner dropoff site** means a place where citizens can drop household trash themselves;
- \$ **igloo recycling dropoff site** means a place where citizens can drop sorted recycling materials;
- \$ **recycling operations center** means a place where recyclables are stock piled, consolidated, or processed.

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS:
1. Which election district do you live in?	Circle one: a) Election District 1- Easton b) Election District 2 – St. Michaels c) Election District 3 – Trappe d) Election District 4 – Cordova e) Election District 5 – Bay Hundred
2. Does your household pay a company or town government to pick up <u>household trash only</u> at your curbside?	Circle One: a) Town Government b) Company c) Use landfill’s homeowner’s drop off
3. Have you ever gone to the Talbot Regional Landfill and dropped off your household trash for free?	Circle One: YES NO
4. How many times a month do you use the homeowner trash drop off at the Regional Landfill facility in Talbot County?	Circle One: a) Never b) 1 – 5 c) 6 - 11 d) Monthly c) Weekly
5. Are you concerned about the closure of the homeowner trash drop off site available to you in Talbot County?	Circle One: YES NO

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6. Would be willing to have your annual property taxes increased for Talbot County to continue to have a homeowner drop off service station in Talbot County?	Circle One: a) No b) Yes, if annual taxes were \$100 or less c) Yes, based on a fee for service
7. Do you use the Talbot Regional Landfill to drop off large loads of your household trash by driving over the weight scales and paying a fee?	Circle One: a) Never b) 0 – 5 trips per year c) 6 – 11 trips per year d) 12 or more trips per year
8. If you have to drive to Caroline County (near Ridgely) to dump large loads of solid waste through the scales will this change create a hardship for you?	Circle One: YES N O
9. Do you think the Talbot Regional Landfill should <u>close all its services</u> , including recycling services, as scheduled in December 2010?	Circle One: YES NO UNDECIDED
10. Are you willing to help pay for the expense to build replacement facilities for a transfer station to move trash from Talbot County to Caroline County?	Circle One: a) No b) Yes, if annual taxes were less than \$100 c) Yes, based on a fee for service
11. Do you recycle using the current recycling igloos (recycle stations)?	Circle One: YES NO
12. Which igloo site do you use the most?	List site (Circle one) a) Trappe - next to Firehouse b) Trappe - at Shore Stop c) Easton – Amish Market d) Easton – Auto Zone e) Easton – Midshore Regional Landfill f) St. Michaels Perry Cabin g) St. Michael's – Graul's Market h) St. Michaels – At school i) Oxford – Tennis Courts j) Bozman – Bozman Store k) Cordova – Next to Fire Hall
13. Would you recycle more, if curbside recycling was offered?	Circle One: YES NO
14. If curbside recycling was offered, would you be willing to separate the recyclables in separate bins (separating aluminum, glass, paper and plastics)?	Circle One: YES NO

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15. How many times per week do you take recycling materials to a drop off site?	Circle One: a) Never b) Less than once per week c) Twice per week d) 3 or more times per week
16. If Talbot County had a curbside recycling system, would you increase the amount of recycling you collected?	Circle One: YES NO
17. Would you be willing to pay to have curbside recycling in Talbot County?	Circle One: a) No b) Yes, if annual taxes were \$100 or less c) Yes, based on a fee for service through private enterprise
18. Are you willing to help pay for the expense to build replacement facilities for a new recycling operations center?	Circle One: a) No b) Yes, if annual taxes were \$100 or less c) Yes, based on a fee for service
19. To provide curbside recycling, one or more homeowner drop off stations, and a waste transfer station would you be willing to pay?	Circle One: d) \$250 per year in property taxes e) \$150 per year in property taxes f) No new taxes g) System based on fee for service

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!!!!

Additional Comments:

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